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Poor girls' compensation fund.

* 1890 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 4-p.m.

(a) whether any strength has been fixed for an educational institution to be eligible for getting the poor girls' compensation fund;

(b) whether the Moothanthara Aided Elementary school in Malabar satisfied the conditions in 1950–51, 1951–52, 1952–53 and 1953–54;

(c) whether any amount was paid to the above school in any of the years mentioned above in contravention of the conditions; and

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, what was the reason for such payment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) to (d) Compensation was sanctioned on production of certificates from the Village Munsif to the effect that the poor children on whose behalf compensation is claimed are too poor to continue their studies without fee exemption. The compensation for the years 1950–51 to 1952–53 was properly paid. There was however an excess payment of Rs. 38–8–0 for the year 1953–54 as the Manager misrepresented that a fee of four annas was levied in the first standard of the school while the fee actually levied was annas 2 only. The recognition of the school has been withdrawn and the Manager is being declared by the Director of Public Instruction to be unfit to be a Manager of any school."

1891 Q.—Answered and printed at pages 285 and 286 supra.

Filarial area.

* 1892 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Director of Public Health has declared certain areas in Tanjore, South Arcot and Tiruchirappalli districts as areas affected or threatened by filaria;

(b) if so, the preventive and curative measures taken; and

(c) the names of such areas in South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes; for purposes of drawal by Non-Gazetted Government servants of interest-free advances for the purchase of mosquito nets for themselves and their families.

" (b) the Regional Malaria Organization, Tanjore, conducts filarial surveys in the districts, prepares schemes of control and recommends them to the local bodies which generally adopt them with one-third grants from State funds.

"(c) Bhuvanagiri, Chidambaram, Cuddalore, Chinnasalem, Kallakurichi, Kattumannarkoil, Nellikuppam, Port Novo, Panruty, Tirukoilur, Ponnadam, Tittagudi, Tindivanam, Thyagadurgam, Villupuram, Valavanur and Vriddhachalam."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, is it a fact that South Arcot is responsible for the filaria in Tiruchirappalli district and will the Hon. Minister be pleased to take steps to prevent the spread of this infection?" (Laughter.)

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. May I know whether it is open to an hon. Member of this House to attack lightheartedly in such a manner and suggest that a particular district is responsible for the spread of a disease to another district?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have admitted the question. The hon. Member wants to know whether the disease has spread from South Arcot district to Tiruchirappalli district."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There are several places affected with filaria in South Arcot, Tiruchirappalli and Tanjore districts. I do not think that South Arcot district is responsible for the spread of filaria in Tiruchirappalli district."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, is it not a fact that the spread of the disease is the other way about, namely, from Tiruchirappalli to South Arcot?" (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I cannot say, Sir, whether this infection has spread ~~before~~ one district to the other."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" As these places are declared as filarial centres, why should not the Government pay the unhealthy localities allowance to the staff employed in those places?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, the unhealthy localities special pay is given to the staff employed in places declared by Government to be unhealthy areas."

Assignment of lands to Harijans.

* 1893 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri M. Palanimuthu is not in his place. Both the question and the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI M. PALANIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether any lands have been assigned to Harijans for cultivation purposes in Kiliyur and Nannai villages in Perambalur taluk and if so, who are actually cultivating them at present?